

**RULES AND OPEN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**  
Meeting Report

October 8, 2008

**PRESENT:** Mayor Reed, and Council Members Chirco, Constant and Nguyen.

**ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Cortese. (Excused)

**STAFF:** City Attorney Richard Doyle, Deputy City Manager Deanna J. Santana, Redevelopment Agency Assistant Director Gary Miskimon, Deputy City Manager Norberto Duenas, City Clerk Lee Price, Council Agenda Manager Alicia Bosco and Legislative Secretary Susan Davis.

**A. City Council**

**1. Review October 14, 2008 Final Agenda.**

Action: None. Regular Meeting was canceled. There will be a Special Meeting on 10/14/08 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**2. Review October 21, 2008 Draft Agenda.**

Mary Creasman (South Bay Labor Council) urged that the first reading of the proposed ordinance regarding a living wage at the Airport be heard at the Oct 21, 2008 Council Meeting and objected to having the matter heard on November 4, 2008.

Actions: The Committee approved the October 21, 2008 City Council Draft Agenda with the following addition:

- Request for an excused absence for Vice Mayor Cortese from the Special Rules and Open Government Committee Meeting and the Special City Council Meeting on October 14, 2008 due to authorized City Business: Serving on a panel for the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. (Cortese)
- The Committee waived the 14 day “Sunshine” requirement for Item 9.2 (Loan Agreement between the City and the RDA for use of Sanitary Sewer Connection Fee Fund).

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**B. Redevelopment Agency**

- 1. Review October 14, 2008 Final Agenda.**
- 2. Review October 21, 2008 Draft Agenda.**

Action: The Committee approved October 21, 2008 Draft Redevelopment Agency Agenda. The October 14, 2008 Meeting was canceled.

**C. Legislative Update**

**1. State**

**a. Sacramento Update: Verbal report by City's State Lobbyist**

Legislative Representative Roxanne Miller provided the FY 2008-2009 State Budget Update. She also summarized the 2008 City of San José Sponsored Bills and the 2007-2008 State Legislative Session City Positions and Priority Bills.

**2. Federal**

There were no updates.

**D. Meeting Schedules**

None were presented.

**E. The Public Record**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Clerk Lee Price, dated October 2, 2008, transmitting items for the Public Record for the period of September 26 through October 2, 2008.

Action: The Committee noted and filed the Public Record.

**F. Appointments to Board, Commissions and Committee**

There were none.

**G. Rules Committee Reviews, Recommendations and Approvals**

- 1. Consider Work Load Assessment related to suspension of certain provisions of the sign ordinance. (Cortese)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Vice Mayor Cortese, dated September 18, 2008, recommending that Staff return to the Rules Committee with a work load assessment to temporarily suspend certain types of sign ordinance enforcement until the Council acts on the revised sign ordinance.

**G. 1. (Cont'd.)**

Assistant Director of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Laurel Prevetti reported that Staff has initiated revisions to the Sign Code as part of this year's work plan. The goal, she added, is to complete the work by June of 2009. A short discussion followed.

Action: The Committee agreed to continue with the work in progress and take no action at this time.

**3. Approve the Monthly Report of Activities for September 2008 (City Auditor)**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from City Auditor Sharon Erickson dated October 1, 2008, recommending approval of the Auditor's Monthly Report of Activities.

City Auditor Sharon Erickson provided the Staff Report.

Action: The Committee approved the Monthly Report of Activities for September 2008.

**2. Approve amending bylaws of the Caltrain Centralized Equipment Maintenance Operations Facility. (Williams)**

Action: G(2) was deferred two weeks.

**4. Conceptually Approve a Framework for Structural Improvements to the City's Boards and Commissions Program. (Clerk)**

Action: G(4) was deferred two weeks.

**H. Review of additions to Council Committee Agenda**

**1. Community and Economic Development Committee**

**a. Approve report to the October 27, 2008 agenda, "Convention Center Facilities District: Review of Preliminary Plan of Finance."**

Documents Filed: Memorandum from Chief Development Officer Paul Krutko, dated October 1, 2008, recommending approval to add the report to the CEDC Agenda.

Action: The committee approved the addition to the CEDC Agenda.

**2. Neighborhood Services and Education Committee**

**3. Transportation and Environment Committee**

**4. Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee**

There were none.

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**I. Open Government Initiatives**

- 1. Reed Reforms**
- 2. Sunshine Reform Task Force**
- 3. Significant Public Records Act Requests**
- 4. Council Policy Manual Update**

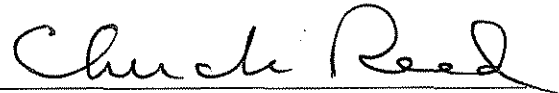
There were none.

**J. Open Forum**

None were presented.

**K. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.



Mayor Chuck Reed  
Rules and Open Government Committee

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